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TAGS: RH, PINT CABINET

SUBJECT: SMITH DENIES CABINET DEAL WITH NKOMO

1. IN BRIEF PRESS INTERVIEW AT KNYSNA HOTEL WHERE HE VACATIONING, RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH DENIED UPI REPORT THAT HE HAS AGREED TO NAME JOSHUA NKOMO FOREIGN MINISTER IN A NEW GOVERNMENT. SMITH STATED REPORT WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND THAT SUBSTANCE OF HIS MEETINGS WITH NKOMO HAD BEEN PROCEDURAL RATHER THAN CONSTITUTIONAL. HE SAID PRELIMINARY WORK NOW COMPLETED AND WAY CLEARED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS.

2. SMITH'S DENIAL COMPARABLE TO ONE ON SAME TOPIC ISSUED BY NKOMO FACTION PUBLICITY SECRETARY, WILLY MUSARURWA IN SALISBURY. RAND DAILY MAIL QUOTES HIM AS UNCLASSIFIED

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STATING " WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE ONE ISSUE-- THE

QUESTION OF IMMUNITY FOR OUR EXILED MEMBERS."

3. IN ADDITION TO PRESS SPECULATION ON NKOMO AS FOREIGN MINISTER, SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS ALSO CARRIED STORY FROM DAR ES SALAAM ASSERTING THAT " SECRET DEAL" EXISTS INVOLVING NKOMO, SMITH, KAUNDA AND VORSTER IN WHICH IN RETURN FOR ZAMBIAN SUPPORT FOR SMITH-NKOMO SETTLEMENT, SAG HAS PROMISED " MASSIVE INTEREST-FREE SECRET LOAN TO ZAMBIA".
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